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In re application of: Ross C. Terrell

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For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF SEVOFLURANE

## REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Herewith is appellant's Reply Brief in triplicate in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 20, 2004.

In reply to the Examiner's opinion in paragraph (5) of the Answer concerning the summary of invention, the features mentioned on pages 2 and 3 of appellant's Brief are, in fact, called for in the claims. The first paragraph of appellant's summary of the invention on page 2 of the Brief includes the subject matter of claim 4. The second paragraph thereof comprises the subject matter of claims 5, 6 and 20. The third paragraph thereof comprises the subject matter of claims 8 and 13. The fourth paragraph thereof comprises the subject matter

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